1	2	3	4	5
5	Adilabad	Nill	55	430
6	Medak	47	90	2331
7	Nellore	NIL	253	NIL
8	Guntur	NIL	02	NIL
9	Nalgonda	NIL	NIL	262
10	Kurnool	NIL	NIL	395
11	Chittor	NIL	NIL	22
	GRAND TOTAL	315	2018	6993

Unemployed youths in NE States

3171. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed youths with in the age group of 18 to 30 years as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) how many of them belong to rural areas;

(c) whether Government propose to issue any guideline for the employment of the unemployed youths of the North-Eastern States in central sector jobs;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Number of jobseekers, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed in the age group of 20-29 years registered with the employment exchanges in the country as on December 2003 (latest available) was around 2.05 Crore.

(b) Around 58% of the jobseekers are from rural areas.

(c) to (e) At present there is no such proposal.

Depositing additional amount to Employees Provident Fund

3172. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Employees Provident Fund Organisation is seriously thinking to restructure the facility of depositing additional

amounts each month over and above the statutory contribution by salaried employees covered under EPF scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are taking this move to ward off the anticipatory rush of additional deposits from subscribers in the new fiscal year;

(c) whether it is a also a fact that because of the increase in the rate of interest on EPF to 9.5 per cent the EPFO finds it difficult as it is facing Rs. 927.15 Crores of deficit; and

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) and (d) The Government has not notified the rate of of interest for the subscribers of employees Provident Fund for 2004-05, so far. Therefore, the issue of deficit of Rs. 927.15 Crores does not arise at this stage.

Decline in Unemployment

3173. SHRI SK. KHABIR UDDIN AHMED: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to I.L.O.global unemployment has shown a decline in 2004; and

(b) if so, the performance of India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Figures for 2004 being not available, comparison regarding increase/decrease in unemployment in India can not be made.

Labour Policies Adopted by Foreign Countries

†3174. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several countries including America and Japan consider the labour policy of the Government of India the main obstacle in the development of the country;

(b) if **so,** the details thereof;

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† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.